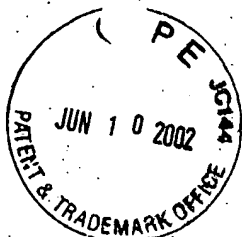


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**ESTABLISHMENT OF RIGHT OF ASSIGNEE TO TAKE ACTION**  
**AND**  
**REVOCATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The undersigned is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee below (the "Assignee"). A true copy of the original Assignment of the above-captioned application from the inventor(s) to the Assignee is attached hereto. This Assignment represents the entire chain of title of this invention from the Inventors to the Assignee.

I declare that all statements made herein are true, and that all statements made upon information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, or any patent issuing thereon.

The undersigned hereby revokes any previous powers of attorney in the subject application, and hereby appoints the registrants of Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP, 620 Newport Center Drive, Sixteenth Floor, Newport Beach, California 92660, Telephone (949) 760-0404, Customer No. 20,995, as its attorneys with full power of substitution and

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revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith. This appointment is to be to the exclusion of the inventor(s) and his attorney(s) in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 3.71.

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, Basil Naji, an Australian citizen, residing at 7A Marcia Street, Toongabbie, NSW 2146, Australia and Milton O'Chee, an Australian citizen, residing at 122 Chatham Road, NSW 2144, Australia (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNORS"), have invented certain new and useful improvements in a ADDITIVE FOR DEWATERABLE SLURRY AND SLURRY INCORPORATING SAME, the specification of which was filed as U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/090,334 on March 4, 2002;

AND WHEREAS, JAMES HARDIE RESEARCH PTY LIMITED (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), an Australian Corporation, with its principal place of business at Level 1, Research and Product Development Building, 10 Colquhoun Street, Roschill, NSW 2142 Australia, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in return for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNORS hereby acknowledges that it has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all provisional applications relating thereto, and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and ASSIGNORS hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND ASSIGNORS covenants and agrees that it will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, ASSIGNORS intending to be legally bound has hereunto affixed its signature.

Witness: Marcia A. J.

Basil Naji

Date: 29/05/02

Witness: Ray Will RAY WILLDERN

Date: 29/05/02

Witness: Marcia A. J.

Milton O'Chee

Date: 29/5/02

Witness: [Signature]

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